

2011 Consumer Confidence Report

Water System Name: Madrone Mutual Water Company Report Date: March 9, 2012

We test the drinking water quality for many constituents as required by state and federal regulations. This report shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 - December 31, 2011.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Type of water source(s) in use: Groundwater

Name & location of source(s): Well02, Well03, 7746 Isabel Drive, Cotati, CA

Drinking Water Source Assessment information: An assessment of the drinking water sources was completed in 2002. At that time, the sources were considered most vulnerable to Septic Systems (high density > 1/acre)

Time and place of regularly scheduled board meetings for public participation: We hold an annual meeting in the fall. Members are notified via U.S. Mail and email.

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TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

Public Health Goal (PHG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS): MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.

Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS): MCLs for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with SDWSs do not affect the health at the MCL levels.

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Regulatory Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Variances and Exemptions: Department permission to exceed an MCL or not comply with a treatment technique under certain conditions.

ND: not detectable at testing limit

ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter (ug/L)

ppt: parts per trillion or nanograms per liter (ng/L)

ppq: parts per quadrillion or picogram per liter (pg/L)

pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- *Microbial contaminants*, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- *Inorganic contaminants*, such as salts and metals, that can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- *Pesticides and herbicides*, that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- *Organic chemical contaminants*, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural application, and septic systems.
- *Radioactive contaminants*, that can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the USEPA and the state Department of Public Health (Department) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Department regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.

Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 list all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the most recent sampling for the constituent. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The Department allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, are more than one year old.

TABLE 1 – SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF COLIFORM BACTERIA

Microbiological Contaminants (complete if bacteria detected)	Highest No. of Detections	No. of months in violation	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source of Bacteria
Total Coliform Bacteria	6	1	More than 1 sample in a month with a detection	0	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform or <i>E. coli</i>	0	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample detect total coliform and either sample also detects fecal coliform or <i>E. coli</i>	0	Human and animal fecal waste

TABLE 2 – SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF LEAD AND COPPER

Lead and Copper (complete if lead or copper detected in the last sample set)	No. of samples collected	90 th percentile level detected	No. sites exceeding AL	AL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	5	<5.0 ug/L	0	15	0.2	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	5	0.725		1.3	0.3	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

TABLE 3 – SAMPLING RESULTS FOR SODIUM AND HARDNESS

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium (ppm)	6/22/09	34.5	33,36	none	none	Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring
Hardness (ppm)	6/22/09	120	100,140	none	none	Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium, and are usually naturally occurring

*Any violation of an MCL or AL is asterisked. Additional information regarding the violation is provided later in this report.

TABLE 4 – DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	Typical Source of Contaminant
Nitrate (As NO ₃) (mg/L)	6/21/11	5	>2,10	45	45	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (mg/L)	6/22/09	0.42	0.42	2.0	1	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Barium (mg/L)	6/22/09	0.125	<0.1, 0.150	1	2	Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Arsenic (mg/L)	6/22/09	0.0049	<2.0, 7.8*	10	4	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes.

TABLE 5 – DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A SECONDARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sulfate (mg/L)	6/22/09	40	28,51	500		Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Chloride (ppm)	6/22/09	45.5	42, 49	500		Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	6/22/09	295	270, 320	1000		Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Iron (ug/L)	6/21/11	Well03: 330* Well02: 3500*	Well03: 330 Well02: 3500	300		Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes.
Manganese (ug/L)	6/21/11	Well03: 65* Well02: 210*	Well03: 65 Well02: 210	50		Leaching from natural deposits
Specific Conductance (micromhos)	6/22/09	445	390, 500			Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence

TABLE 6 – DETECTION OF UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Notification Level	Health Effects Language
None					

*Any violation of an MCL, MRDL, or TT is asterisked. Additional information regarding the violation is provided later in this report.

Additional General Information on Drinking Water

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Summary Information for Violation of a MCL, MRDL, AL, TT, or Monitoring and Reporting Requirement

VIOLATION OF A MCL, MRDL, AL, TT, OR MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENT				
Violation	Explanation	Duration	Actions Taken to Correct the Violation	Health Effects Language
Total Coliform Bacteria	We tested positive for total coliform bacteria	January	We replaced our pressure tank	Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.
Arsenic 7.8 ppm	Well 02 measured 7.8 ppm, which is a monitoring violation	On going	Well02 is used only as a backup for Well03. Well02 was last used in 2010 for 2 hours.	While your drinking water meets the federal and state standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The arsenic standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the cost of removing arsenic from drinking water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.
Iron 3500 ppb	Well 02 had the following measurements: 3500, 3200	On going	Well02 is used only as a backup for Well03. Well02 was last used in 2010 for 2 hours.	The iron MCL was set to protect us against unpleasant aesthetic effects (e.g., color, taste, and odor) and the staining of plumbing

				fixtures (e.g., tubs and sinks) and clothing while washing.
Manganese	Well03: 65 ppm Well02: 210, 170	Ongoing	Well02 is used only as a backup for Well03. Well02 was last used in 2010 for 2 hours.	The notification level for manganese is used to protect consumers from neurological effects. High levels of manganese in people have been shown to result in effects of the nervous system.

Drinking Water Notification Level for Manganese

Last Update: February 22, 2005

CDPH's drinking water [notification level](#) for manganese is 0.5 milligram per liter (0.5 mg/L).

Background Information

Manganese is a required nutrient. A healthful diet provides adequate manganese for good nutrition. Typical dietary intake of about 1–10 mg manganese per day appears adequate for daily needs, according to ATSDR (2000).

However, manganese at very high levels can pose a neurotoxic risk (ATSDR, 2000; US EPA, 1996). For example, neurologic damage (mental and emotional disturbances, as well as difficulty in moving—a syndrome of effects referred to as "manganism") has been reported to be permanent among manganese miners exposed to high levels of airborne manganese for long periods of time. Lower chronic exposures in the workplace resulted in decrements in certain motor skills, balance and coordination, as well as increased memory loss, anxiety, and sleeplessness (ATSDR, 2000). USEPA (1996), in developing an oral reference dose for manganese based on dietary intake, mentions an epidemiological study in Greece that showed an increase in neurologic effects such as weakness and fatigue, disturbances in gait, and neuromuscular effects, in people whose drinking water contained 1.6 to 2.3 mg/L. Uncertainties about the levels of dietary manganese and the amount of drinking water consumed did not enable USEPA to use these data for risk assessment purposes.

ATSDR (2000) reports several studies that showed decreased ability in neurobehavioral performance testing and in several educational parameters, in children exposed to high level of manganese in drinking water and diet for at least several years.

Children are considered to be particularly susceptible to possible effects of high levels of manganese exposure because they absorb and/or retain more manganese than adults (ATSDR, 2000; USEPA, 1996).

Attention to the potential health concerns of high levels of manganese in drinking water is appropriate, given the possibility of neurologic effects.

Current Regulation of Manganese

Manganese is regulated by a 0.05-mg/L secondary maximum contaminant level (MCL) (see [drinking water regulations](#)), a standard established to address issues of aesthetics (discoloration), not health concerns. Secondary MCLs are enforceable standards, but are applicable only to community systems. Thus, noncommunity systems, particularly nontransient noncommunity (NTNC) systems such as schools and workplaces, do not receive the benefits of the secondary standard.

Although the aesthetic effects related to elevated manganese in drinking water are likely to be encountered at concentrations below the notification level, the notification level provides an extra layer of protection to consumers of water from systems subject to the secondary MCL requirements.

Benefits of a Notification Level for Manganese

A health-based notification level for manganese is helpful in addressing high manganese levels in drinking water sources, in several ways:

- It provides guidance and information to systems with manganese above the secondary MCL, as they deal with the regulatory requirements associated with exceeding the standard, i.e., addressing costs associated with treatment.
- It provides guidance to CDPH Drinking Water Program staff in evaluating waivers from treatment requirements to meet the secondary MCL. Currently, consumers are to be surveyed about their acceptance of exceeding a secondary MCL. A notification level allows health-based considerations to enter into the consumer survey and waiver from treatment process.
- It allows consumers of water from NTNC systems to be informed about the potential for health concerns associated with sources that have high levels of manganese.

Requirements and Recommendations

When manganese is present in concentrations greater than the notification level, the following [requirements and recommendations](#) apply:

- Systems with drinking water sources with manganese concentrations greater than the notification level are required to notify local city and county governing bodies, just as for other contaminants with notification levels and for contaminants that exceed MCLs.
- Consumer notification is recommended at levels greater than the notification level. This may be handled through the water systems' annual [consumer confidence reports](#). Other means could be used as well, if more appropriate, such as direct mailing, or posting a notice. These should be coordinated with the local CDPH Drinking Water Program [district office](#).
- Source removal is recommended at ten times the notification level.

Monitoring for manganese is required within the framework of [secondary MCL regulations](#), but generally not outside that framework. For sources not subject to the secondary MCL requirements, CDPH recommends analyses of sources that are near other sources that have very high manganese levels.

In 2003, when CDHS (the California Department of Health Services, now CDPH) established the 0.5-mg/L notification level (then called an "action level"), CDHS recommended follow-up monitoring for those systems that historically had shown manganese higher than the 0.5-mg/L concentration, but which lacked recent data. Current monitoring allows water systems to confirm earlier values, and to allow them to meet the requirement for notifying its local government body with timely information. If a water system chose not to take a contemporary follow-up sample for manganese analysis, then CDHS recommended notification of the governing body based on prior data. Consumer notification should follow the recommendations mentioned above.

For community systems subject to the secondary MCL monitoring and compliance requirements ([22 CCR §64449](#)) with manganese greater than the notification level, CDPH recommends that information about the health concerns associated with high manganese exposures be provided to consumers as part of the required consumer dissatisfaction determination.

Manganese Detections Greater Than 0.5 mg/L

Historically, about 30 percent of drinking water sources monitoring for manganese have reported detections, reflecting its natural occurrence, and about 20 percent have reported detections greater than the 0.05-mg/L secondary MCL. The detection limit for purposes of reporting (DLR), the level at which DHS is confident about the quantification of manganese's presence in drinking water, is 0.02 mg/L.

For example, [monitoring results](#) from 2001-2004 show that 276 sources from 199 systems reported a detection above 0.5 mg/L. [For purposes of comparison, there are ~12,000 sources belonging to ~4,400 community and NTNC systems.] Sources with a detection above 0.5 mg/L occurred in 42 of the state's 58 counties, most often in the counties of Sonoma (47 sources), San Diego (20), San Bernardino (15), San Luis Obispo (14), San Joaquin (14), Ventura (13), Santa Barbara (12), and Riverside (10).

Drinking Water Sources with Manganese Detected above 0.5-mg/L*			
Concentration	No. of Sources	No. of Systems	No. of Counties
Mn > 0.5 mg/L	276	199	42
*These draft data are from manganese detections above 0.5 mg/L (2001 - 2004). In determining the number of sources for this table, agricultural wells and monitoring wells have been excluded.			

Other Information

Readers interested in the levels of manganese in their drinking water should refer to their water systems' annual Consumer Confidence Reports (CCRs). A number of CCRs for California water systems are available on the [US EPA's website](#).

References

- [ATSDR, 2000](#), Toxicological Profile for Manganese, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, September, 2000.
- [US EPA, 1996](#), Manganese, Integrated Risk Information System, US Environmental Protection Agency, Reference Dose last updated May 1, 1996.

For Water Systems Providing Ground Water as a Source of Drinking Water

**TABLE 7 – SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING
FECAL INDICATOR-POSITIVE GROUND WATER SOURCE SAMPLES**

Microbiological Contaminants (complete if fecal-indicator detected)	Total No. of Detections	Sample Dates	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	Typical Source of Contaminant
<i>E. coli</i>	0	monthly	0	(0)	Human and animal fecal waste
Enterococci	-		TT	n/a	Human and animal fecal waste
Coliphage	-		TT	n/a	Human and animal fecal waste

Summary Information for Fecal Indicator-Positive Ground Water Source Samples, Uncorrected Significant Deficiencies, or Ground Water TT

SPECIAL NOTICE OF FECAL INDICATOR-POSITIVE GROUND WATER SOURCE SAMPLE				
Not applicable				
SPECIAL NOTICE FOR UNCORRECTED SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES				
Not Applicable				
VIOLATION OF GROUND WATER TT				
TT Violation	Explanation	Duration	Actions Taken to Correct the Violation	Health Effects Language
None				